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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 22, 2002, the period for response having been extended to December 22, 2002, please reconsider the claims in view of the following comments:

In the Specification

Please amend the specification at page 1, lines 6 to 10 according to the following:

This application is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/093,131, filed June 8, 1998 and issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,258,859 B1, which claims the benefits of the disclosure of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial Nos. 60/049,045, filed on June 10, 1997, and 60/054,455, filed on August 5, 1997. The disclosure of U.S. Serial No. 09/093,131, filed June 8, 1998, is incorporated herein by reference.